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Remarks

Claims 1, 2, 10-12, 19-35, and 46 are pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 25-31. Support for the amendments claims can be found throughout the subject specification and in the claims as originally filed and pages 21-23. Entry and consideration of the amendments presented herein is respectfully requested. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 10-12, 19-35, and 46 are currently before the Examiner. Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's withdrawal of the objections to the specification and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112 and 102(b) and Applicants also gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 2, 10-12, 19-24, 32, 34, and 46 are allowed.

Claims 1, 25-31, 33, and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite in the recitation of the phrases "transport signal" and "a RSRS motif." In addition, the claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite because of the preamble used in the claims depending from independent claim 12. Applicants respectfully assert that the claims as filed are definite. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution to completion, Applicants have amended the claims to delete "transport signal" and "a RSRS motif". In addition, the preamble in claims 25-31 has been changed to recite a "polypeptide fragment". Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

It should be understood that the amendments presented herein have been made solely to expedite prosecution of the subject application to completion and should not be construed as an indication of Applicants' agreement with or acquiescence in the Examiner's position. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the invention(s) disclosed in the subject application, including any subject matter canceled or not pursued during prosecution of the subject application, in a related application.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments to the claims, Applicants believe that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.